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WEATHER REPORT.

Fair tonight, Saturday
fair, much warmer, tem-
perature above freezing.

Sun and Tide Table.
High Tide 9:55 a. m. and
12:05 p. m. Sun rises 6:50
a. m. and sets 5:58 p. m.

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PRESIDENT TAFT ELECTED PATRON.

Masonic Memorial Association Con-
fers Signal Honor Upon
Him Yesterday.

TRIBUTE TO WASHINGTON.

Recalls Yale Days in Speech Before As-
sociation—Wreath Laid on Tomb of
Washington at Mount Vernon.

The visit of William H. Taft to Alexandria yesterday was the crown-
ing feature of the Masonic celebration
in honor of George Washington. As
told in yesterday's Gazette, the Presi-
dent reached Alexandria at 2:30 p. m.
He came in the private car, Mt. Ver-
non and was accompanied by the fol-
lowing masons.

Senators Martin and Swanson, of
Virginia; Representative Carlin, of
Alexandria; Clarence P. King, Mayor
Paff, of Alexandria; Representative
William B. McKinley, of Illinois; Rep-
resentative James W. Collier, of Miss-
issippi; Mr. Howe, F. H. Treat, J. H.
Hunter, W. L. Andrews, grand master
of Virginia; E. H. Kemper, worship-
ful master of Alexandria Washington
Lodge, No. 22; Samuel W. Pitts, sen-
ior warden of the same lodge; Charles
B. Swan, junior warden; Lawrence H.
Lee, past grand master of Alabama;
A. B. Ashley, past grand master of
Illinois; and Maj. Archibald Butt.

When the train bearing the presi-
dential party reached King and Royal
streets, in Alexandria where the en-
tire party disembarked and was
greeted by a crowd of several hun-
dred persons, the president and other
distinguished guests were whisked
around the block in automobiles to the
Masonic Temple. The crowd gave
the president an ovation and the Presi-
dent doffed his hat several times in
response. There was a crowd collect-
ed around the Masonic Temple as the
party entered and came out. The cere-
mony there was a brief one taking
less than half an hour.

President Taft was received by
Vice-President Lamberton, of Pennsylv-
ania with a few remarks to which the
President responded as follows:

"My Brethren: My brother Lam-
berton, under whose tutelage and
guidance I served four years at Yale,
and from whom I have since received
my lessons in Masonry, enjoins me
that I must say something to indi-
cate my presence here. I am glad to
say how appropriate it seems to me
as a humble Mason that we should on
the 22nd of February, the birthday of
George Washington, meet here as Ma-
sons to testify to our appreciation of
his relation to our great body, and our
belief that in the great traits of his
character he illustrated the founda-
tion principles of our order and our
association.

"I am glad to be here to take part
in this ceremony to testify how deep
my conviction is."

William L. Andrews, Grand Master
of Virginia, made a happy reply to
President Taft, stating that Masonry
leveled all on an equal footing of
brotherhood and fraternity, and that
he was glad to welcome Mr. Taft, not
as the president, but as a brother.
He introduced Senators Martin and
Swanson who were given Masonic
honors.

A resolution was then introduced by
George N. Napier, grand master of
Georgia, making the president a pa-
tron of the George Washington Masonic
Memorial Association. It was ad-
opted by a rising vote unanimously.

At the conclusion of the reception
the president's party was taken to Mt.
Vernon, where the president laid a
large wreath of white roses on the
resting place of the nation's father.

The gates of the ivy covered tomb
were opened in order that the presi-
dent might go inside. He stood for
several minutes within the tomb, gaz-
ing thoughtfully about the brick and
stone inclosure where rests the body
of the man who first held the office
he now occupies. The visitors were
impressed by the president's silent
tribute, and stood with heads bared.

Work of the Association.

The meeting of the Masonic Mem-
orial Association, adjourned an hour be-
fore President Taft's arrival. A res-
olution was adopted to have as a seal
the George Washington coat-of-arms
with the words "In Memoriam" above.
A resolution to incorporate the asso-
ciation under the laws of the State of
Virginia, laid over from Wednesday,
was taken up and discussed at length.
The sentiment of the association seem-



Senator Claude A. Swanson.
Who made a brilliant speech at the Masonic Banquet last night.

ALARMING REPORTS.

Orozco Turns Against Madero—Battle
Expected.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Alarming
dispatches were received at the War
Department today from Col. E. Z.
Steever, commanding the fourth cav-
alry now patrolling the Mexican bor-
der, to the effect that he had been un-
officially informed that Gen. Pascual
Orozco has turned against President
Madero and from Casas Grandes is
leading an insurrecto force of 1400
men against Juarez. The city is now
held by federal forces and a battle is
expected upon Orozco's arrival.

Both federals and rebels have kept
aloof of Juarez for fear of international
complications which would arise in
case of a battle. Several Americans
were killed and over a score wounded
in the recent battle at Juarez between
the Madero and Diaz forces by stray
bullets which crossed the border line.

Dispatches received at the State De-
partment today report that all Ameri-
can women and children at Valde-
ma and Asarco where the American
Smelting and Refining Company has
its plant, have fled. The situation
throughout northern Mexico and in
several segregated districts in the south
is shown by both State and War De-
partment dispatches to be most grave.

Death from Exposure.

Wilmington, Del., Feb. 23.—Mrs.
Rebecca B. Burton, wife of Martin
Burton, near Leipzig, Delaware, ill
with pneumonia, escaped from her
home last night while delirious and
was later found dead under a bridge in
a brook near the Burton homestead.
She was buried only in her night
clothes. Mrs. Burton climbed out of a
widow while the physician and nurse
were absent from the room attending a
son of the woman, who is also ill. The
exposure Mrs. Burton subjected herself
to in her weakened condition, caused
death.

ed to be in favor of such action, pro-
vided the legislature will exempt the
property from taxation, and the mat-
ter was referred to a committee of
five to be appointed by the president.

A committee of five members from
the Masonic fraternity in the United
States called the ways and means com-
mittee, to assist in connection with
the local committee and with the ex-
ecutive committee of the association,
was appointed. The duty of this com-
mittee is to appoint such lecturers or
use such agencies as may seem neces-
sary to procure funds for the associ-
ation. The work of this committee
will be begun at once. The fund of
\$1,100 was subscribed by individual
members yesterday for the temple.

Christ Church Service.

President Taft upon his return from
Mt. Vernon attended special services
which were held at Christ Episcopal
Church for the benefit of the president
and other distinguished guests, many
of whom had never before been in the
church. The services were brief and
were conducted by Rev. W. J. Morton,
rector, and chaplain of the memorial
association. President Taft sat in
Washington's pew during these ser-
vices. Immediately following the ser-
vices, President Taft and others in his
party returned on the special car to
Washington.

MASONS HONOR FIRST MASTER.

Brilliant Banquet of Alexandria-
Washington Lodge No. 22
Last Night.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS.

Speakers Pay Tribute to Washington as
a Mason—Armies of the Nation
Decorated—The Menu.

It was nearing midnight last night
when the curtain fell upon the last
scene in connection with the celebra-
tion of Washington's birth. The an-
nual banquet of Alexandria-Washing-
ton lodge of Masons was all that had
been anticipated. After having feast-
ed and listened to thrilling, instruc-
tive and edifying speeches which had
enlivened their love of country and
the heroes who played conspicuous
parts in its history, the company ad-
journing, carrying away with them
most pleasant recollections. The
lodge had assembled in Elks' Hall,
which was packed with Masons of this
city, members of the Masonic Mount
Vernon Memorial Association, mem-
bers of the Grand Lodge of Virginia,
and some from jurisdictions in differ-
ent sections of the United States.
There was also a representative of the
fraternity from Porto Rico mingling
with the brethren.

Before the lodge was called from
labor to refreshment, Mr. Lawrence
Washington, on behalf of certain
brethren who had been raised to the
Master Mason's degree during the in-
cumbency of Past Master Charles H.
Callahan, in an appropriate speech,
presented him with a beautiful dia-
mond-studded Past Master's Jewel,
as a token of the esteem in which he
is held, not only by those upon whom
he conferred the degrees, but by
members of the craft generally. Mr.
Callahan's response was brief, but
touching, his words of appreciation
being uttered in a tone which
came direct from the heart.

The lodge closed a few minutes
later when the company adjourned
to Armory Hall where the collation
had been spread. The hall had never
been more tastefully decorated.

The tables had been spread with care
and the picture presented was most
inviting. The interior of the hall had
been transformed into a huge canopy
of national colors. Pictures of George
Washington looked down upon the
tables from the east and the west,
while Masonic emblems embellished
the walls. Electric lights were flash-
ing in every direction. Strings of
bulbs ran from one end of the room
to the other, while huge clusters add-
ed to the dazzling scene. There were
some guests present who are not
members of the craft, but they were
assured by Worshipful Master E. H.
Kemper that they need have no cause
for uneasiness. There was no inten-
tion of submitting them to the treat-
ment accorded the young English wo-
man who secreted herself in a grand-
father's clock in order to gratify her
curiosity concerning the workings of
a Masonic Lodge.

After the company had taken their
places at the tables, an invocation
followed by Rev. P. P. Phillips, chap-
lain of the lodge, when the banquet-
ers began the discussion of the feast.
The ladies, under direction of Martha
Washington Chapter of the Eastern
Star, were the caterers, and they
moved with alacrity. There were no
delays in serving the courses. The
ladies were arrayed in colonial cos-
tumes. The menu was as follows:

Alleged Confession.

Keyser, Va., Feb. 23.—Reputa-
ting his former explanations as fiction,
F. A. Becker, the Baltimore and Ohio
brakeman, now in the Garrett County
jail at Oakland awaiting a hearing to-
morrow on the charge of holding up
the New York and St. Louis express
last Monday night is said to have con-
fessed today.

Becker is quoted by Baltimore and
Ohio Detective Lieutenant Kenny and
Captain Hardy of the Cumberland po-
lice, as saying he is a German-Ameri-
can, aged 26 and his home is at 2831
West Abbot street, Philadelphia. That
he was fully cognizant of the desperate
chances which he took, and that his
tales of having received the money at
valuable found on him were fictitious.
His story of having been confined in a
government hospital for the insane at
Washington has been corroborated.

MASSACRE OF THIBETANS.

Shanghai, Feb. 23.—Wholesale
slaughter of Thibetans was reported
here today. The Chinese troops,
it was said, fearful that the
boontemptary returned of the Grand
Lama would precipitate a general up-
rising against Chinese rule, massacred
all of the Tibetans near the frontier.
Reprisals are expected.

Will Close in Event of Strike.

Glasgow, Feb. 23.—The steel manu-
factures of Glasgow today posted notice
that all work would be suspended in
their plants in the event of a coal strike.
Ten thousand men are employed in
the local plants.

sion, were unable to be present.

Most Worshipful William L. An-
drews, Grand Master of Masons of
Virginia, was then introduced, and
he made a short but interesting
speech in which he spoke eulogistic
of Frances Cunningham, who had or-
iginated and labored so faithfully in
the work of the Ladies' Mount Ver-
non Association.

Hon. C. C. Carlin subsequently
made a short but thrilling talk. He
was followed by Senator Swanson,
who was equally as interesting. He
alluded to the ancient origin of Ma-
sonry and its universality.

Hon. James W. Collier of Missis-
sippi also enlivened the occasion with
a short speech which was greatly en-
joyed.

The last speaker was Brother Par-
ker of Porto Rico, who also enlisted
the attention of his hearers.

The remarks of all the speakers
were interspersed with amusing an-
ecdotes and pathetic passages.

Fine music was furnished during
the evening, and Harry Pierce, of
Washington, added pleasant features
to the festivities by his humorous
vocal productions. Byron Blodgett,
also of Washington, accompanied Mr.
Pierce on the piano.

The Washingtonians present re-
turned on the palace car "Mount Ver-
non."

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Mr. Samuel G. Brent left yesterday
for a visit to Richmond and Williams-
burg.

During the storm Tuesday night the
barn of P. P. Clark, who operates a
dairy farm at Hunters Station, a short
distance south of this city was de-
stroyed. Forty cows were in the build-
ing at the time, several of which were
injured.

The degree team of Potomac Lodge
of Odd Fellows will tonight confer de-
grees on a class of ten candidates from
Falls Church Lodge. A smoker will
be given.

Officer Wilkinson was sent to Rich-
mond today by Chief Goods to exam-
ine into the case of Samuel Allen,
colored, who is alleged to have mur-
dered a colored man in this city in
November, 1905.

At a recent meeting of the board of
directors of the Chamber of Commerce
the E. E. Downham Company was
elected to membership in the organiza-
tion.

Rev. Robert K. Massie, professor at
the Theological Seminary, will preach
in Christ Church tonight, at eight
o'clock. As this service is under the
auspices of the men of the church it
is hoped there will be a large number
of people present, especially men.

Last night in Sarepta Hall, Alexan-
dria Council, No. 5, Fraternal Order
of Americans, held patriotic exercises.
The orator was the Rev. Dr. Jno. Lee
Allison, pastor of the Second Presby-
terian Church. A smoker followed.
There was a large gathering of mem-
bers of the order and considerable en-
thusiasm was manifested.

J. T. Preston, secretary of the Cham-
ber of Commerce has returned from
Fredericksburg, where he attended the
great roads rally which was held in the
interest of the movement looking to
the construction of the connecting link
between Washington and Richmond
via Fredericksburg. The meeting was
a great success.

Daughters of Liberty.

Friendship Council, Daughters of
Liberty, at their meeting tonight will
act upon seven applications for mem-
bership. The visitation of the Wash-
ington members last Friday night
and the program rendered under good
of the order so enthused the members
of Friendship Council that the com-
mittee on good of the order has ar-
ranged another excellent program to
be rendered tonight.

J. W. GOODS MAKES ASSIGNMENT.

In the Corporation Court today an
assignment was recorded from J. W.
Goods to Walter C. Foster, trustee,
conveying the stock of goods and book
accounts of the store conducted by
Goods at the corner of King and Payne
streets.

The assignment contains no state-
ment of the amount of assets and li-
abilities, but gives a list of creditors
numbering about twenty.

The following are named as pre-
ferred creditors: H. Kirk & Son, Gar-
ret & Monroe, Alexandria Coffee Com-
pany and N. Lindsey & Co.

A total of twenty persons were killed
and at least threescore injured, many
of them seriously, in the cyclonic
storm which swept through a strip of
northern Louisiana and Mississippi
Tuesday evening. The property dam-
age will perhaps total \$500,000. The
fatalities, except in three instances,
are confined to negroes.

CANDIDATES ARE SEEKING VOTES.

Many Young Ladies Anxious to
Visit Europe as Guests
of Gazette.

NEW NAMES IN LIST.

Surprise in Store for Those Already No-
minated.—Never too Late to Enter Con-
test, although Early Start is Advisable.

A surprise is in store for
those already nominated in the
Gazette's Tour of Europe Con-
test. Watch the paper tomor-
row. You will undoubtedly all
be curious to know just what it
will be, but all the Contest De-
partment has to say about it
is to watch the paper. Satur-
day's paper will tell you all
about it. Be sure to read it.
It means something to you.

You can never tell what you can do
Until you really try.
That trip to Europe is meant for you.
Won't you go along in July?

The interest in the Gazette Euro-
pean tour contest is increasing each
day and more and more people are
watching the vote column in the pa-
per. This is the result of the work
that is being done by the young la-
dies who have been nominated for
tour honors and who are bespeaking
the support of their friends. And
the girl who first asks the support of
a friend is pretty certain to be the
one who secures that support.

Many coupon votes were cast yes-
terday and several of the contestants
reported subscriptions and others
that they had subscriptions promised.

Only three or four of the ladies
who were nominated knew their
names had been entered in the lists
but when they saw their names pub-
lished, some of the candidates pro-
ceeded to get very busy in their ef-
forts to win success.

As the contest is just starting and
has seven weeks to run, every candi-
date in the list has the same oppor-
tunity to be the winner in her dis-
trict if she will but make an effort
on her part and thereby let her
friends know that she desires their
support.

Those who have been watching the
Gazette contest, and noting how it
is progressing, can not help observ-
ing the keen interest which has been
taken in it everywhere and while the
interest is more manifest here in the
city at the present time, a few more
days and the people throughout the
country will become more thoroughly
acquainted with the plans and the in-
terest will become stronger.

Reports are coming in from all
three districts that the candidates are
doing all in their power to enlist the
aid of their friends and it may be
said in passing that those who do this
and go about it systematically are
the ones who will be successful in
winning memberships in the great
tour of Europe.

Many Changes Expected.

The names of the candidates and
number of votes accorded each as
published today shows the votes re-
ceived by the candidates up to Thurs-
day afternoon at four o'clock and the
standing of the candidates as it will
be published tomorrow will show
many changes.

New names are coming in daily and
will come in for some time yet. It is
never too late to enter the competi-
tion, but those who enter early will
have the greatest advantage.

Voting is not restricted in any
sense whatsoever. The Gazette read-
ers and everybody may vote as often
as they please, no matter in what
district the candidate may be entered.
This is a voting contest, and the
young lady receiving the largest num-
ber of votes in each district will win
one of the tours.

Get Your Money's Worth.

Unlike other contests, this enter-
prise pays for every cent invested.
Votes are not purchased for so much
each, but for every dollar received
by the paper one hundred cents' worth of news of the world is re-
turned. It is an investment rather
than an expenditure and no one
should consider it in the light that
money paid out in the contest is wasted,
as there is greater value given for
the money than any other investment

JORDAN BILL IS PASSED BY HOUSE.

Prohibition Enabling Act Gets Big
Majority in House of
Delegates.

TERMS OF MEASURE.

Bill Now Goes to Senate When There is
Said to be Small Majority Opposed to
Its Passage.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 22.—At 6:15
o'clock this evening, after three days
of debate, by a vote of 62 to 30 the
House adopted the Jordan Enabling
Act, providing that when one-
fourth of the persons voting in the
preceding November election for
state officers shall petition the gov-
ernor, as provided for in the act, an elec-
tion shall be called on the ques-
tion of prohibiting the manufacture
and sale of intoxicating liquors in Vir-
ginia, except for medical and fine arts
purposes. Cider made from pure juice
and not adulterated is excepted from
the provisions of the bill. The mea-
sure now goes to the Senate, where
the first public hearing on the mea-
sures will be held next Monday night.

Previous to adopting the Jordan bill
the House voted down a substitute
which had for its purpose the declar-
ing by legislative enactment of prohibition
throughout Virginia on the first of
next July. The vote was 19 for and 62
against.

In event the Senate adopts the
Jordan bill the number of voters re-
quired to petition for an election will
be 27,500, as in the last state election
a few more than 111,000 votes were
cast. This is not an average vote in
Virginia, for in presidential elections
the vote totals more than 140,000.

Redolent with Carnations.

(Special Dispatch to the Gazette.)

Richmond, Va., Feb. 23.—The hall
of the House of Delegates was today
redolent with the perfume of sixty-six
dozen of carnations in vases on the
docks of the members who had voted
for the state wide enabling act. The
flowers came from the Woman's Chris-
tian Temperance Union which had led
the fight for the bill. Practical jokers
sent lemons to the wet minority.

SENATE REFUSES ACTION.

(Special Dispatch to the Gazette.)

Richmond, Va., Feb. 23.—The
liquor men today undertook to force
an immediate committee report on the
Jordan Enabling Act, but were defeated
in the Senate on points of order. Sen-
ator Walker, leading the dry forces
challenged the opposition, and sought
to fix the bill for a vote on Tuesday.
Senator Folkes, who opposes the bill,
moved that the committee be discharg-
ed and that the Senate take a vote at
once. The drys insisted on a vote on
Tuesday and the wet forces withdrew
their proposition.

which it would be possible to make.

Candidates Should Start Now.

Candidates who desire success in
the contest should get an early start
and secure subscription payments in
order to get special ballots.

Subscriptions should be reported to
the contest manager as often as pos-
sible in order that the new subscrib-
ers mak get the paper and save the
coupons for the candidates.

Nominations can be made at any
time during the contest, but we ad-
vise those who desire to enter the race
to clip out the ballot and send, bring
or mail it to this office at the earliest
possible date. An early start is half
the battle and besides, it encourages
one's friends and enlists the greatest
interest at the time when the field is
virgin and freshest for the canvass.

Cast the Coupons.

Carefully trim the coupons, write
the name and district number of the
candidate and number of coupons on
the top coupon, fasten together with
an elastic band or enclose them in an
envelope and mail them or drop them
in one of the ballot boxes.

About New Subscriptions.

The attention of the candidates is
called to the fact that where one
member of the family is taking the
Gazette, ordering the paper in the
name of another member of the fam-
ily will not make the subscription
"new" as the second subscription to
the family would be classed as "old"

unless the subscription of the mem-
ber already taking the paper when the
contest started is paid at least
three months in advance. Some can-
didates have erred in this manner
and are requested to be careful in
classifying subscriptions, as that will
not make them any more votes and
will make this office much trouble.
Read the instructions in the an-
nouncement and you will not make
any mistakes.